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## BUILDING PROGRAM IN HIGH GEAR

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Making every effort to keep pace with the constantly increasing enrollments, and the accompanying demands for instructional facilities, the Northwestern State College administration has been diligently laboring to solve the problem. Officials have been and are busily engaged in checking the completion of buildings, the progress of those under construction, and the plans and specifications of other buildings for which contracts have been signed but exist only on paper at the present time.

At the beginning of the fall semester last year, the men's Y-shaped dormitory, housing 254 men, was readied for occupancy and immediately filled to capacity.

During the year the addition to Russel Library, together with new equipment and facilities, was completed at a total cost of \$425,000. The new Biology Building, which is located just west of the Business Administration and Physics and Chemistry buildings, is under construction. This building, a two-story structure, is well planned from a utility standpoint. It will contain laboratories, classrooms, and a large lecture room seating 104 students. Adequate storage and preparation rooms are included with each laboratory. Scientific and technical equipment valued at approximately \$200,000 will be installed.

This summer, living quarters under the football stadium are being prepared. These rooms should accommodate 45 men and should be ready for use at the beginning of the fall semester.

West Barracks, one of the old navy barracks near the stadium, is being completely renovated and remodeled, with brick and aluminum sheeting. This building will house 104 men and will be ready for use this fall.

### NEW BUILDINGS UNDER CONTRACT

The Home Economics Practice Cottage has been moved to a site just south of the Home Economics building to make room for a women's dormitory, which will be built on the site formerly occupied by the cottage. This new women's dormitory will accommodate 200 women.

Grading and leveling of the

site for the women's dormitory, for a dining facility having a capacity of 600, and for a men's dormitory which will be situated adjacent to Caspari Hall on Sibley Drive, is completed and the contractors should be ready to start construction immediately.

These three buildings, the women's dormitory, the dining facility, and the men's dormitory will be financed largely through a Federal Housing loan of \$1,073,000.

Housing facilities for the fall semester should accommodate 1401 students under normal conditions. For 1958 this figure should be increased to 1701. These figures do not include the 78 apartments in Vetstown, which normally house approximately 100 students, including wives who are attending college along with their husbands.

### MASTER'S DEGREES CONFERRED ON 110 THIS SUMMER

The list of graduates receiving the Master's Degree reached a high point in the Graduate School this summer, when degrees were conferred upon 110 candidates.

This group represents the larger part of the summer enrollment in the Graduate School three years ago, when the first summer session in which students could register for graduate work was started.

A total of 214 candidates received degrees this summer and 18 others received the 3-Year Diploma in Nursing, bringing the total number in the graduating class to 232. This number represents the largest summer class in many years.

During the fall semester, 1956, exactly 100 degrees were conferred. In the spring of this year 179 degrees and 3-Year Diplomas in Nursing were conferred, making a total of 511 graduates for the year 1956-1957.

Registration for the summer session reached a new high when 1722 students enrolled. According to figures released by the Registrar, the enrollment was divided as follows: freshmen, 408; sophomores, 310; juniors, 251; seniors, 307; and 446 in the Graduate School.

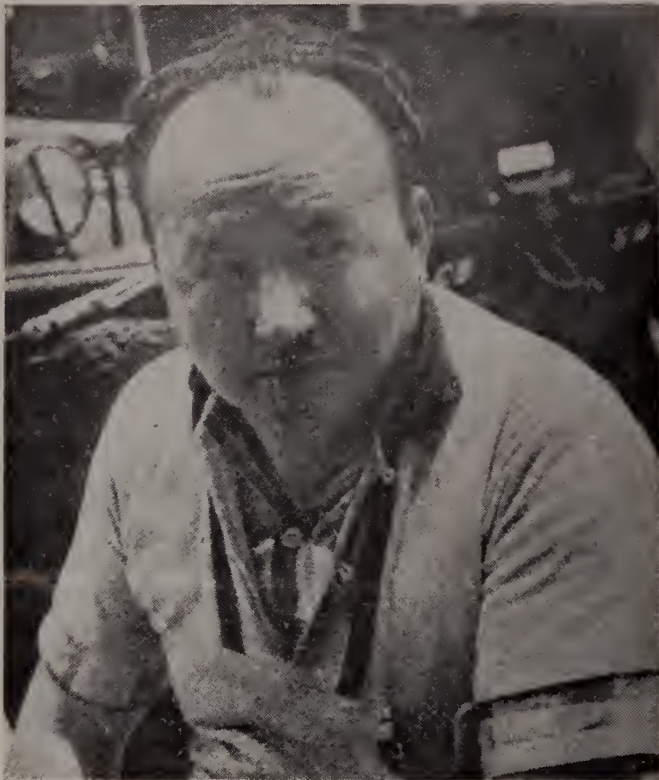
### LARGE ENROLLMENT EXPECTED THIS FALL

With all available space filled in both the men's and women's dormitories on the campus, indications are the fall enrollment will establish a new record at the College. The registration for last fall was 2329, an increase of approximately 11% over the preceding year. Should this increase hold for this fall—and such seems to be the pattern over the nation—a new record will be established.





## Dr. Cecil W. Clark



## HERO? HE JUST DID HIS JOB!

Dr. Cecil W. Clark, B.S. '48, is a general practitioner of medicine in Cameron. He is the first physician ever to live in Cameron, and during the five years of his practice (since finishing L.S.U. School of Medicine), patients have been coming to him from 50 miles east of Cameron to the Texas line on the west. He commented, "My family was from Cameron but I was born in Natchitoches. I lived part of my early years in Cameron and Natchitoches. Then I did my undergraduate work at Northwestern State College in Natchitoches."

He and his family lived quietly and happily in their home 4 miles east of Cameron; that is, until Thursday, June 27.

When Hurricane "Audrey" came roaring in on the morning of June 27, snuffing out lives by the hundreds and leveling buildings with block-buster violence, three of Dr. Clark's children were drowned and his wife was believed lost. Dr. Clark pushed aside his personal tragedy and worked ceaselessly for three sleepless days and nights attending the wounded in Cameron Court House.

The day "Audrey" struck, Dr. Clark was at home with his wife, three of their children, and their housekeeper, Mrs. Zulmae Dubois. Their other two children, John David, 7, and Cecil Joseph, 6, were with Dr. Clark's mother outside Cameron.

But let Dr. Clark tell his own story. "About 2 a. m. the day of the storm, I got a call at home that the water was getting up on the road and I ought to come to the hospital. I live about 4 miles east of Cameron. I dressed, jumped in my car and started toward the hospital. The wind was howling - getting stronger all the time. Rain was falling in sheets. Water kept rising on the road. Finally, after about 2 miles, I turned in at the home of one of my friends, Jimmy Doeurn, a banker. He has a stone house - which was the only house out that way to come through the storm undamaged.

"Jimmy tried to help me get into town in his pick-up truck

but we just couldn't make it. The water was sweeping us off the road. We finally gave up.

"By this time we got back to his house - at about 3:45 a. m. The water was waist deep . . . We stayed at Jimmy's house until 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, then we were able to walk into Cameron.

"I met somebody on the road who told me there wasn't a thing standing where I live. I was told that my wife, housekeeper, and three children who were at home (Elizabeth, 3½; Celia, 2; and Jack, 3 months) were all missing and probably dead.

"Sheriff Carter told me there wasn't any sense going back to the hospital since all the injured were taken to the Court House. I figured my place was with these who were hurt.

"I would have to put my family temporarily in the back-ground.

"So I stayed the next three days. There were some registered nurses and volunteers who helped immensely."

It was not until days after the hurricane that Dr. Clark got the news that although three of his children had been lost, but his wife had been rescued. She was in a Lake Charles shelter.

Hero? Dr. Clark does not like to have any one believe that he was. He passed it off by saying simply: "But I did no more than anyone else. Everyone pitched in."

What are his plans for the future? To stay in Cameron, help rebuild it, rehabilitate his hospital, and continue serving the people of Cameron.

## SPRING SPORTS

## DEMONS WIN THREE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Demons of Northwestern State College closed out the spring sports schedule with three championships, two clear titles and one co-championship title.

The outstanding and perhaps the least expected performance for the spring sports was given by Coach Brown's baseball team. Holding a mid-season conference record of two wins against four losses, which would ordinarily rule them out as contenders in the Gulf States Conference, the Demons came back to win 8 of 9 conference games. This gave them a conference record of 10-5 in games won and lost, tying the record of Southeastern Louisiana College, and gave our Demons a share of the championship title as co-champions.

Pitcher Billy Roy Cook sparked the Demons with a 10-1 record for the season and a 7-1 conference record. He was named the "Most Valuable Player" in the G. S. C. and placed on the All-Conference team selection.

## FOUR NAMED ALL-GSC

In addition to Cook, three other Demons made the All-Conference baseball team. They were first-baseman Kemp (Flash) Gordon, shortstop Billy Jack Booth, and Catcher Harry Fontenot, captain of the Demon team.

Coach Alvin "Cracker" Brown received the honor of "Coach of The Year" for the conference.

## FIVE IN A ROW FOR TRACK

Not too surprising, based upon performance of the track team at meets prior to the Conference (Continued on Page 3)

## DEMON COACHES - ROWAN, LEDET, CLAYTON, BROWN





## SPRING SPORTS

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meet in Ruston, was the championship won by the Demon track team.

Coach Walter Ledet and his teams have been in the habit of winning Gulf States Conference Championships, and this fifth consecutive championship was no exception. He was named "Coach of The Year" in track, which award was retroactive for the last four years in recognition of coaching five straight championship teams in track and field.

The Demons scored over half the possible points in the six field events, with senior Charlie Johnson and three freshmen - Lou Liepens, Lud Bandaries, and Don Bowden showing the way. Johnson won the discus, Liepens copped the javelin, Bandaries won the shot-put, and Bowden tied the broad jump. Harold White, senior, and Bobby Wicker, sophomore, wound up in a four-way tie for first in the high jump, and Robert Farrar placed second in the pole vault.

In the running events, top scorers were Charlie Hennigan with 14 points, Jordan 9, Smith 7½, and Childress, 7.

## GYMNASTS WIN AGAIN

Coach John Piscopo and his gymnastic team again breezed through another undefeated season. Since gymnastics is not an intercollegiate sport in the Gulf States Conference, the Demon gymnasts compete in A. A. U. contests and with other colleges and universities in the South and Southwest.

This season, as usual, the Demons won the titles in the Southern A.A.U., Gulf A.A.U., Southwest A.A.U., and the Mid-South Tournament.

## DEMONS PREP FOR S.F.A. LUMBERJACKS

The 1957 edition of the Demon football squad have been going through two-a-day practices since September 2 preparing for their season's opening game with the Lumberjacks of Stephen F. Austin, which will be staged in Shreveport at the Fair Grounds Stadium on Saturday, September 14. (The game was transferred from Natchitoches to Shreveport by mutual consent since N. S. C. does not begin the fall semester until September 16.)

On the basis of one week's practice, lettermen seem to have the edge as starters for the Demons; however several transfers who worked out in spring practice are showing up extremely

well and are making a strong bid for the starting line-up.

Little is known at this time of the potential of freshmen who are making their bid for the team, but early reports indicate that many of them will see action before the game is over.

Since the Lumberjacks defeated the Demons last year by the score of 14-12, a good deal of attention is being given to place kicking. The Lumberjacks are noted for their passing attack and Coach Clayton is stressing pass defense particularly, since they have the same passing combination that could not be stopped by the Demons in 1956.

The Demons are showing a fine spirit in practice, and the coaching staff is well pleased with the progress of the squad for the short time they have had to work.

Following the Shreveport game, The Demons will return to their local gridiron for the next two games. Lamar Tech Cardinals of Beaumont will be here on September 21, followed by the McNeese State Cowboys on September 28.

The Demons take the road for the next two games, meeting Louisiana College in Pineville on October 5, and returning to Shreveport to meet Louisiana Tech on October 19 at the Fair Grounds.

Two more games at home follow. They meet Delta State Col-

## Returning Lettermen on Football Squad



Eighteen of the 20 lettermen pictured above are on the campus working out for the Demon football squad this fall. They are, bottom row, left to right: Billy Jock Booth, Dean Smith, Lexie Gregg, Charlie Johnson, George Smith, Jim Bruning, and Judsan Hole. Second row: Bobby Stanley, Dewey O'Neal (not playing), Bert Heckel, Daug Burt, Petie Moore, Charles Hennigan, and J. W. Beck. Third row: Dale Hoffpouir, Everette Doerge, and Cecil Johnson (not playing). Top row: Red Lewis, Kem Gardner, and Charlie Tolor.

lege of Mississippi on October 26, followed by the Homecoming tilt with Northeast State College of Monroe on November 2. Then to Lafayette for the Southwestern Louisiana Institute Bulldog battle. They close out the season at home with Southeastern Louisiana College Lions on November 23.

All games, except the Homecoming game on November 2, will be played at night.

## ALUMNI Here N' There

Miss Mary Andrews, A.B. '36, has a new name and a new address. She is now Mrs. Frank Wessel, 11609 35th Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland.

## OFF TO MOSCOW

W. L. Doxey, B.S. '34, of the U. S. Army Signal Engineering Laboratories at Fort Monmouth, recently represented the Department of the Army at the general meeting of the American Standards Association in Moscow. He was the Army delegate on the International Electrotechnical Commission in the fields of batteries and components.

Doxey, a native of Montgomery, La., received his Master's Degree from L. S. U. in 1939. He has been working for the Army since his discharge from the U.S. Air Forces in 1946. He is presently the deputy director of the

Components Department in research.

His local residence is in West Long Branch, New Jersey.

## ON WAKE FOREST FACULTY

Leo Ellison, B.S. '56, M.S. '57, of Shreveport, will join the faculty of Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C., as swimming coach and instructor in health and physical education this fall.

He taught courses in aquatics last year at N.S.C. as a graduate assistant. Prior to that time he served as director of athletics and recreation for four years at an Air Force base.

## RETIRED AND BACK HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Marcel J. Durand, the former Cecile Breazeale, have moved to Natchitoches to make their home, since his retirement from the teaching profession.

Mr. Durand taught for 19 years at Arkansas A. & M., Monticello, and 9 years at Helena High School, Helena, Arkansas, before retiring. He also worked the past two years in Clarksdale, Miss., to add Social Security to his retirement fund.

They are making their home at 301 Toulaine, Natchitoches.

## AT UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Mrs. C. J. Small (Addie Byrd, A.B. '30), Faculty Box 503, University of Houston.  
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CHARLES HENNIGAN



JUDSON HALE



DALE HOFFPAUR



CHARLES TOLAR and J. W. BECK

**ALUMNI—**

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versity of Houston, Houston 4, Texas, writes that she has been teaching in the Secretarial Administration Department, College of Business, at University of Houston for the past 18 years.

Before going to Houston she taught five years in the Commerce Department at N.S.C., and would like to correspond with some of her former students.

Mrs. Small was particularly interested in the story about Miss Ola Johnson, North Caddo High School, Vivian, La., which appeared in the April issue. Miss Johnson is a former student of hers.

**BACK IN LOUISIANA**

Mrs. Marguerite Stevenson Hall, B.S. in Nursing, '51, Box 645, Sulphur, has just returned this year to Louisiana from Ballinger, Texas. She stated that the rain in Louisiana was very welcome after the six years of Texas dry weather.

Mrs. Hall worked as Supervisor and Instructor of Obstetrics at Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital, San Angelo, Texas, for one and one-half years. She has two children, Robert Steven, age 7, and Marsha Ann, age 21 months.

**1917 CLASS REUNION ?**

Mrs. H. Grady Beckcom (Elea-

nor Averre, '17) of 10445 Fuerte Drive, La Mesa, California, writes: "It isn't often I see news items in the Alumni Columns about my classmates of forty years ago, so I was particularly interested in the account of the teaching career of Courtney Snoddy. I remember that we were officers of the Modern Culture Club at the same time."

(Incidentally, Mr. Beckcom, a retired naval officer, graduated in the same class in high school with ye old editor.)

Mrs. Beckcom stated further: "I have many happy memories of my days at old Normal and take this opportunity to send greetings to my classmates who graduated with me in June, 1917. Perhaps we could have a reunion of our class some time."

**ASSISTANT DIETITIAN**

Miss Faye Johnson, B.S. '56, 4112 Glenwick Lane, Apt. 4, Dallas 5, Texas, writes in to say: "Just wanted to tell you of my change of address so I will get the Coumns this fall. I have accepted a position as Assistant Dietitian at Children's Medical Center here in Dallas, so I suppose I have become an adopted Texan."

**RETIRES**

Wiltz J. Gremillion, graduate of the old Normal, has retired

after 45 years in the public school system of Avoyelles Parish. For the past 22 years, Gremillion has been principal of the Simmesport High School. He served as principal of the Bordelonville High School for 14 years prior to his service at Simmesport. He will continue to live at Simmesport.

Some of the gifts presented him by his students upon retiring were a lounge chair, smoking stand, complete fishing outfit, a rotisserie and large barbecue pit. Also a portrait of himself under the stipulation that it is to hang in the principal's office at Simmesport High, and that his aged "paddle" is to hang under the picture.

**TRANSFERRED**

Charles R. Dupuy Jr., B.S. '40,

**IN MEMORIAM**

HARRY L. BARR  
JEWELL L. WOODS

Professor Harry L. Barr, retired, in Biological Sciences, passed away suddenly this summer. He was working in his beloved flower garden at the time he was stricken.

Mrs. Jewell Leach Woods, fourth-grade supervisor, passed away after a short illness during the summer session. She taught two weeks of the summer term.

Sincere sympathy is extended the families of both these loved and respected teachers.

Probable starting backfield for the game with Stephen F. Austin in Shreveport are pictured above - Hennigan, Hale, Hoffpaur, and Tolar. Beck is handing off ball to Tolar. Beck or Hoffpaur will start at quarter-back position.

is now manager of the Shreveport Division of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. He was formerly stationed at Mansfield. Since moving to Shreveport he is living at 3315 Surrey Road.

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# HOMEcoming DAY

## SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 2

Make Your Plans Now To Attend - We Are Expecting You





